

ACQUISITION OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

Project Rating Questions

Eligibility Requirement:

- ☐ The property must provide or enhance nature-based outdoor recreation.

1. Frontage on rivers, streams, lakes or estuaries.

- a. The property has frontage on a navigable river, stream, lake or estuary. **3 Pts.** _____ Pts.
- b. The waterbody has ecological importance, protects threatened or endangered species habitat, or has unique natural resource features. (e.g., the property is on the wild lakes inventory, priority lakes, rivers, or streams inventories.) **3 Pts.** _____ Pts.

2. Proximity to other permanently protected land. (select only one)

- a. The property creates a buffer between land that has been permanently protected for natural resource, conservation or outdoor recreation purposes and potential or existing residential, commercial or industrial development. **8 Pts.**

OR

- b. The property is within the boundaries of an acquisition project area (node or corridor) established by the department, a governmental unit, or a nonprofit conservation organization, where the uses of the property will complement the goals of the project and the stewardship program. **8 Pts.** _____ Pts.

AND

The property connects or is adjacent to already acquired parcels within a designated project area. **2 Pts.** _____ Pts.

- c. The property is within an identified environmental corridor that connects 2 or more established resource protection areas. **1 Pt.**

OR

The property is within an identified environmental corridor that connects 2 or more established resource protection areas, and progress has occurred in the past 5 years toward protecting the environmental corridor. (e.g., proof of active involvement and efforts in protecting the entire corridor.) **2 Pts.** _____ Pts.

3. The property provides or enhances nature-based outdoor recreational opportunities.

- a. There will be public access to: (select only one)
- ⇒ the entire property year around **3 pts**
 - ⇒ a corridor within the property year round **2 pts** _____ Pts.
 - ⇒ the property during a defined period of the year. **1 pt**
- b. The property enhances the recreational value of a project that provides multiple use and/or multiple season recreational activities. **2 Pts** _____ Pts.

4. Natural, scenic, geological and archaeological values of the property.

- a. The property preserves an existing natural community or will be restored to a natural community. **2 Pts.**

OR

The property contains state or federal threatened or endangered species, species of special concern, or rare natural communities. **5 Pts.** _____ Pts.

- b. The property preserves an identified archeological site. **1 Pt.** _____ Pts.
- c. The property has unique geological or physical characteristics (e.g., exceptional scenic contribution, other significant physical features having outstanding values – rock outcroppings, glacial features, etc.) **4 Pts.** _____ Pts.
- 5. The degree of development pressure.**
- a. The property can be divided under the current land use plan. **1 Pt.** _____ Pts.
- b. Property is listed on the open market or an offer has been made by a developer. **1 Pt.** _____ Pts.
- c. The project is within a ½ mile of a city or village that is in a position to annex. **1 Pt.** _____ Pts.
- d. Development of the property will initiate rural fragmentation in the area. **2 Pts.** _____ Pts.
- OR**
- Development of the property will increase rural fragmentation in the area. **1 Pt.** _____ Pts.
- 6. The project has been identified in:**
- a. a plan that has as one of its purposes the protection of natural resources or provision of recreational opportunity. **1 Pt.** _____ Pts.
- b. a locally approved comprehensive plan pursuant to s. 66.1001, Stats. **2 Pts.** _____ Pts.
- 7. The amount of funding available from sources other than stewardship.**
- a. The project sponsor's match is more than 50% of costs for the acquisition
 ⇒ The project sponsor is providing 60% or more of the project costs. **1 pt.**
 ⇒ The project sponsor is providing 70% or more of the project costs. **2 pts.**
 ⇒ The project sponsor is providing 80% or more of the project costs. **3 pts.** _____ Pts.
- b. At least 15% of the funding for the property is coming from private, non-governmental sources. **1 Pt.** _____ Pts.
- 8. Administrative Considerations**
- a. The sponsor has never received a Stewardship grant. **1 Pt.** _____ Pts.
- b. A property appraisal is complete and has been submitted to the department for certification. **1 Pt.** _____ Pts.
- c. The sponsor has submitted a draft easement for department review. **1 Pt.** _____ Pts.
- d. The property is located within a governmental unit that has a protection of development rights program in place. **1 Pt.** _____ Pts.
- 9. The property's physical characteristics make it unsuitable for development, e.g., wetland, floodplain. 3 Pts.** - _____ Pts.

GRANT TOTAL PROJECT POINTS